

BINGHAMTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

ATTENDANCE													
Directors	1/31	2/7	2/28	3/28	4/25	5/23	6/27	7/25	8/22	9/26	10/24	11/21	12/19
Tarik Abdelazim	P	P	P										
Debra Andrako	P	P	A										
Donald Bergin	P	E	P										
Patricia Cummings	E	E	E										
Kenneth Frank	P	P	P										
Timothy Grippen	P	P	P										
Scott Hancock	E	P	E										
Marie McKenna	A	A	P										
Chris Papastrat	P	A	E										
Charles Pearsall	E	P	P										
Matthew Ryan	P	P	P										
Chester Schultz	P	P	E										
Lea Webb	E	A	P										
Members													
Sean Massey	A	A	E	Resigned	3/11/13								
John Paterson	E	P	P										
Ron Sall	P	P	P										
Staff													
Merry Harris	P	P	P										
Joel Boyd	P	E	P										
Omar Sanders	P	P	P										
Sabina Mora	P	P	P										

President Timothy Grippen called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. February 28, 2013.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7 REGULAR MEETING

L. Webb moved, seconded by C. Pearsall to approve the minutes of the January 31- February 7, 2013 regular meeting as presented. The Directors voted unanimously and the motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE JANUARY 2013 TREASURER'S REPORT

O. Sanders presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2013. There were no special notes and the President accepted the report.

OLD BUSINESS There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 13-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE BINGHAMTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CITIZENS BANK FOR A CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO BE USED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON'S UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: BLUEPRINT BINGHAMTON SMART GROWTH WORKSHOP SERIES

M. Harris explained that the office has been taking the lead to organize the discussion series as part of the Community Planning Challenge Grant received by the city and in the context of the city's comprehensive plan update. O. Sanders and C. Quidort were successful in getting the grant for Citizens Bank to offset workshops costs.

L. Webb moved, seconded by M. McKenna to approve the resolution. The Directors voted unanimously and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION 13-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE BINGHAMTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BLDC) ADOPTING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ITS BY-LAWS.

M. Harris presented the changes to the bylaws that had been recommended by the BLDC Governance Committee to facilitate compliance with annual reporting required by the PAAA.

C. Pearsall moved, seconded by K. Frank to approve the resolution. The Directors voted unanimously and the motion carried.

The President thanked the Governance Committee for its work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committees did not meet.

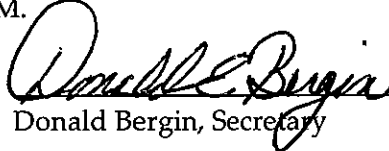
M. Harris requested that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter and the finances of a private company. L. Webb moved, seconded by K. Frank to go into Executive Session at 9:20 AM. The Directors voted unanimously and the motion carried.

The Directors voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 AM.

MAYOR'S REMARKS: Mayor Ryan commented on the upcoming Blueprint Binghamton – Forward Together and the Open House for the city's comprehensive plan update scheduled for March 1st 3-9PM and encouraged members to participate.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: M. Harris reminded members that Restaurant Week is coming up March 12-21. She encouraged members to help promote and to attend the Blueprint Binghamton – Community Discussions series. She reported that she is still working to revise some of the criteria for the BLDC-EAP annual Business Plan Competition. The NYS Main Street grant will roll out in March; there were some delays in meeting administrative requirements. The office is working with another potential buyer for the former Hood dairy plant on Conklin Avenue along with the ESDC and IDA. M. Harris said that in March she would be bringing a resolution to the Board in support of the redistribution of the county sales tax on a 50/50 basis to help stabilize local property taxes and stimulate growth.

There being for further business the President called for a motion to adjourn. C. Pearsall moved seconded by D. Bergin to adjourn at 9:43 AM.


Donald Bergin, Secretary

Binghamton Local Development Corporation